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SUBJECT: PRESS ARTICLES ON CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS, ALLEGING  
CIA INTERFERENCE IN PORTUGAL

SUMMARY: LOCAL COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA HAVING FIELD DAY REPORTING  
ON HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HEARINGS RE AMERICAN ESPIONAGE  
ACTIVITIES IN PORTUGAL. END SUMMARY.

1. UNDER TITLE "AMERICAN SECRET SERVICE DOES NOT DENY OPERATING  
IN PORTUGAL" DIARIO DE NOTICIAS (D/N), OCTOBER 8, GIVES EXTENSIVE  
COVERAGE TO EXCHANGE OF COMMENTS BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT  
MCCLORY AND LT. GENERAL SAMUEL WILSON, HIGHLIGHTING ALLEGED  
MCCLORY QUESTION ASKING WILSON IF HE CANNOT CONFIRM IN OPEN  
SESSION WHETHER OR NOT USG IS PRESENTLY CARRYING ON COVERT  
ACTIVITIES IN PORTUGAL. D/N LEAVES ITS READERS WITH ASSUMPTION  
THAT WILSON'S NO COMMENT CAN BE INTERPRETED AS A SIGN OF  
CONFIRMATION OF CHARGE.

2. D/N ITEM GOES ON TO DESCRIBE TESTIMONY BY STATE AND CIA  
OFFICIALS RE LACK OF HARD INFORMATION ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF  
APRIL 25, 1974 REVOLUTION OCCURRING. SECULO, OCTOBER 8, REFERS  
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3. EMISSORA NACIONAL (EN) RADIO NEWS BROADCASTS, OCTOBER 8, CARRY SEVERAL STRONG DIRECT AND INDIRECT REFERENCES TO THE MATTER. IN AN ITEM ALLEGING STRONG PRESSURE BY SECRETARY KISSINGER ON SPANISH GOVERNMENT FOR BASE AGREEMENT, EN SAID "ANOP (GOP OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY) WILL REVEAL STUDIES SHOWING THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF CIA AGENTS ARE PRESENTLY OPERATING INTENSELY IN THE IBERIAN PENINSULA."

4. COMMENT: IF DEPARTMENT WISHES IT CAN USE AMBASSADOR'S NAME IN INFORMING REPRESENTATIVE MCCLORY THAT PRODDING FOR DISCLOSURES OF SENSITIVE INFORMATION IN PUBLIC SESSIONS IS SERIOUSLY DAMAGING U.S. INTERESTS IN PORTUGAL AND COULD EASILY LEAD TO VIOLENCE DIRECTED AGAINST AMERICAN CITIZENS IN PORTUGAL. CARLUCCI

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